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Dear David

I am writing to you concerning the Advanced Notice on Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) to evaluate whether limited and specific changes or guidance to the existing Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) Federal Consistency Regulations are needed.

In the State of Alabama, over the last twelve years that I have been involved with the program, I know of no problems that have existed with the consistency regulations. In fact, this process has been very successful and has provided the State of Alabama with an important tool in the CZM process. In my opinion, no changes to this process are needed at this time, due to the fact that the latest revisions to the consistency regulations took place less than two years ago. I do not believe that a sufficient interval of time has passed, since the last revisions, to determine if changes are needed. In addition, I believe that problems with the Federal Consistency Regulations have occurred in a few states and on a very limited basis.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this process and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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